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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6320

BILL NUMBER: SB 146

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 19, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Simpson

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill amends the jurisdictional requirements of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) for modification of support orders issued by a tribunal of another state, a foreign country, or a political subdivision. The bill amends the requirements for an Indiana tribunal to establish continuing, exclusive jurisdiction for a support order issued under UIFSA. It empowers an Indiana tribunal to establish a controlling support order if two or more orders are issued for the same obligor and same child. It also requires an Indiana tribunal enforcing a foreign child support order to convert the amount of support owed into dollars.

The bill requires an Indiana Title IV-D agency: (1) to ensure that a child support order for which it requests registration is controlling; (2) to convert into dollar amounts the amounts stated in a foreign currency in an order or judgment for which it requests registration; and (3) to redirect child support payments to a Title IV-D agency in another state if none of the following live in Indiana: (A) the obligor; (B) the obligee; or (C) the child. It repeals the provision that cites to IC 31-18 as the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The fiscal impact of this bill is expected to be minimal, if any, due only to potentially increased caseload and new reporting requirements. This legislation modifies existing language regarding jurisdictional issues and implements new procedural requirements. These modifications are intended to provide clarification to existing laws and procedures. It is assumed that current judicial and FSSA staff would be able to implement these new procedures with minimal fiscal impact.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures*, above.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected: Circuit and Superior Courts.

Information Sources:

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